hood of the Russian Municipal Building were startled by a loud report which, it was apparent, emanated from the native houses at the back of the German butchery. A rush was made to the neighbourhood and in the compound of No. 14 two Chinese were discovered throwing kerosene around, apparently just preparing to set fire to the establishment.
These were put quickly under restraint, and a survey of the premises revealed the fact that all the elements of a nice Httle revolutionary Club were present. Bombs already made, acids for their making, revolutionary pamphlets,
and a list of names which bore a strong resemblance to the members' roll, gave testimony to the use to which the houses and compound had been put. It is surmised that the bomb went off accidentally and the inmates fearing a visit from the police attempted to set the place on fire. That their attempts were frustrated is due to the promptitude of the police, who, in addition to the two arrests already mentioned, tried to arrest four men who approached the place in a suspicious manner soon after the explosion; these, however, made their escape. At the Rtissian Police Station^
where, at a late hour last evening a representative of the *Hankow Daily News* was making inquiries, two Chinese, a man and a woman, were being examined, they having attempted to gain ingress to a suspected house. Like the two men arrested they were turned over to the Hsia Kao Ting (Chinese Magistrate), whose representative had been quickly called to the spot. The Viceroy had already sent a Deputy, a Naval Officer, from Wuchang, and together with the local officials he was busy attempting to unravel the mysteries
connected with the revolutionary quarters. Among the articles seized by the police were revolutionary flags as well as maps of Wuchang, and plans apportioning various bodies of revolutionists to their positions for attack on the \Vuchang gates. At a late hour last night everything in the neighbourhood of the scene was quiet and not a soul was in sight except the Russian Police, who are to be heartily congratulated
on their discovery and the efficient manner in which they handled the situation."

Sun Wu, who had been somewhat seriously
wounded by the bomb explosion, and Liu

Kung, escaped arrest. Thirty arrests were made, however, and three conspirators were executed outside the Viceroy's Yanien at dawn next day. The entire organization of the local revolutionary committee had been revealed to the local authorities by the